DIVISION II

CACR05-1236

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS NOT DESIGNATED FOR PUBLICATION SAM BIRD, Judge

JUNE 28, 2006

DARRELL ALEXANDER

APPELLANT

APPEAL FROM THE FAULKNER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

[NO. CR2004-2031]

HONORABLE CHARLES EDWARD

CLAWSON, CIRCUIT JUDGE

V.

STATE OF ARKANSAS

APPELLEE

AFFIRMED; MOTION GRANTED

Appellant Darrell Alexander was tried for first-degree forgery in a jury trial in the Faulkner County Circuit Court on May 19, 2005. He stipulated at trial that the bills he had tendered were counterfeit. In his motions for a directed verdict, made at the conclusion of the State's case and at the conclusion of all of the evidence, appellant argued that he had no knowledge of the fact that the bills were counterfeit. The motions were denied. He was convicted and was sentenced to five years in the Arkansas Department of Correction.

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and Rule 4-3(j) of the Rules of the Arkansas Supreme Court, appellant's counsel has filed a motion to withdraw on the ground that the appeal is without merit. The motion is accompanied by a brief including both a discussion of all matters in the record that might arguably support an appeal and a statement

as to why counsel considers the points raised to be incapable of supporting a meritorious appeal. Appellant was provided with a copy of his counsel's brief and was notified of his right to file a pro se statement of points for reversal within thirty days. He has not filed a statement. The State has informed this court that, because appellant failed to file any points for reversal, it does not intend to file a brief regarding his appeal.

From our review of the record and the brief presented to us, we find compliance with Rule 4-3(j), and we hold that there is no merit to this appeal. Accordingly, counsel's motion to withdraw is granted and the conviction is affirmed.

Conviction affirmed; motion granted.

GLADWIN and ROBBINS, JJ., agree.